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Subject: Information Report, FL-269

In accordance with Title 49, Part 573, Freightliner LLC herewith submits an information report for a new recall campaign to recall Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation RV products for a defect in the front axle brake system.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Rossow

Cc: Michael Mason, CAL-OSHA

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Section 573.5 Defect Information Report

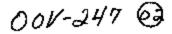
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(c) (1) Manufacturer: FREIGHTLINER LLC

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(c) (2) Vehicles Identification:

(ii) Model(s) affected: Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation RV chassis models XC, XCA and VCL.

Manufacture Dates: January 1, 1997 through June 30, 2000

Basis for determining population: The first and last defective vehicles built

- (iv) Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer: N/A
- (c) (3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: 524
- (c) (4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect. 100%
- (c) (5) Description of the defect: Interference may occur between the steer axis stack adjusters and the axis knuckle post during a full wheel cut with the brakes applied.
- (c) (6) Chronology of principal events (defect only): In June 2000, an interference between the front axie stack adjuster and knuckle post was found during a vehicle inspection at the Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation assembly plant.

An investigation began that lead to the determination of a systematic interference and decision to recall.

- (c) (7) Noncompliance test data: NA
- (c) (8)(I) Remedial program: Repairs will be performed by Freightliner dealerships and Direct Warranty customers, i.e., customers approved by Freightliner to do their own warranty repairs.
 - (ii) Estimated Owner Notification Date: Customer notification will be by first class mail using Freightliner records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately October 5, 2000.

Remedy: Replace the stack adjusters with one that will provide clearance.

- (c) (9) Communications sent to dealers and owners: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.
- (c) (10) Copy of proposed owner notification letter: A draft will be sent for ODI review when available.
- (c) (11) Manufacturer's campaign number: FL-269